

MUTILATED

The fact that more males in the United States the so-called easy cities and forcing the seek a living in the mines and on the farms. In 1,861, 1900 the excess of females over males was 201,950. That of males are on the farms is shown by the fact that the excess of the sterner sex over the weaker in the country was 1,840,280 in 1900 against 1,519,559 in 1890. Another discouraging feature is the increasing proportion of the death rate among men and the greater longevity of women.

A college trained woman who was up in higher mathematics, logic, political economy, languages and history, not finding when she faced the old world either a husband or a place, took up the queer notion of raising hogs and has met with a remarkable success in a financial way as a breeder of choice stock. Young ladies just out of college and on the lookout for a man or a job may get a suggestion in the foregoing.

Carrie Nation, for swinging her little hatchet in a Wichita, Kan., saloon and smashing its large plate glass windows as well as bottles and spilling its liquors, has again come to grief, being fined \$150 and sent to jail for six months. Her partners in the raid, Mrs. M. Henry and Mrs. Wilhort, were each fined the same amount but not sent to prison.

Shot May Be Fatal.
Tifton, Ga., Dec. 31.—Addie, the 12-year-old son of General Herman, at Norman park, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded by a lad named Gibson one night during the holidays. A negro had purchased a pistol from a merchant of that place, and a lot of boys were looking at the weapon in a drug store. It was in the hands of Gibson when, by some means, the weapon was discharged, the ball entering young Norman's breast, just above the heart, passing almost through his body. His condition is precarious. Young Gibson was arrested, but the general opinion is that the shooting was accidental.

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The paternal form of government in our new possessions in Samoa does not suit the natives there. They held a convention of the chief citizens from all the islands at Tutuila and asked some very pertinent questions of the commandant. Especially why he should make the laws without consulting them and why they should not have a voice in expending the taxes collected. Taxation without representation is protested against by even the untutored savage, it seems. In the island of Manan the cable informs us the condition was better; the natives are building school houses and making roads without any desire for compensation. Those natives are on the high road to civilization and their children will live to see the day of either being citizens of their own republic or represented in the Congress of this one.

It is said that the American is a discontented man on general principles, always ready and often wanting to sell his home or his farm, or his business and seek some new place. Rarely does a business descend from father to son, much less a grandson. Visit the place where one's boyhood was spent thirty years later, and there is left but little trace of old playmates, friends and neighbors. In a way this restless spirit has been a great developing agency for the country, and now that even the most remote and heretofore unknown sections of the country have been explored, settled and tested, we look for a greater degree of stability in the people.

Congressman Cromer of Indiana will make an effort at this session of Congress to increase the pay of the rural letter carriers. He says: "My view is that the rural carriers should receive a salary of \$850 a year. I think they should be allowed also a vacation of fifteen days a year on pay and that the method of selecting their substitutes should be changed so as to be identical with the method of choosing substitutes for city carriers. Now each rural carrier selects his own substitute and as there is very little work for a substitute under such circumstances it is hard to get men to act in that capacity."

The Japanese advance in advertising is in all else. Here is an illustration: "Our wrapping paper is as strong as the hide of an elephant. Goods forwarded with the speed of a cannon ball. Our silks and satins are as soft as the cheeks of a pretty woman, as beautiful as a rainbow. Our parcels are packed with as much care as a young married woman takes of her husband."

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The last New York Legislature appropriated a million and a half dollars for good roads. If properly used and not stolen by the grafters the Empire State will have one of the best investments it could make.

To fill cracks in walls, etc., use vinegar instead of water in mixing plaster of Paris. This will become a regular "putty," and not set for twenty or thirty minutes. Push it into the cracks and smooth it over nicely with a table knife.

Cultivate air hunger. We should learn to be as hungry for fresh air as we are naturally thirsty for pure water. The old-fashioned ideas concerning stuffy living or bed rooms are now fortunately out of date and should never be revived.

Don't salt it away. Pay your debts as fast as you can. Have patience with one another. Buy your goods of the home merchant. Encourage home industries and home enterprises and give the home mechanics all the work you have to let out.

It takes a pretty big man to learn from someone else. And yet, this world would not be what it is if one man had had to find out everything for himself. Say what we may, we do not know what other folks are doing and how they do it. We may not want this known. We may say around, "nobody is looking, to see just what the thing is, but really we try to know the good ideas successful men have dug out."

There are women in the flax mills of New Jersey, who work ten hours a day, in ankle deep dirty water, and breathe an atmosphere like that of a Turkish bath. They receive \$4.50 a week. There are other women in these mills who work ten hours a day, at every breath take into their lungs a fine dust that breeds early death as surely as do germs. They receive \$4.50 a week.

The cows of the United States produce \$1,000,000 to the annual income of farmers. That is a large sum of money to be sure, but for the number contributing it, it is far from large as it should be. There are 1800 in excess of 18,000,000 cows which would make the average derived from each not far from \$50. There must be a good "udder" cows in this country to get such results as these.

Who kindles the fire with logs from the department store? It gives all his trade to his neighbor. It is the man who helps the value on your property. It grows, and the more it grows, the greater the value of property—both yours and his. The man who patronizes department stores in preference to home merchants, thinks he may thereby save a few cents, but he is simply detracting from the wealth of his own community.